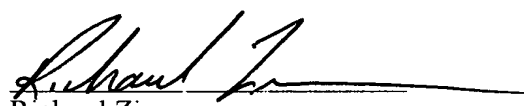


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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,596,807;
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12. International Preliminary Examination Report in PCT/US/017256 dated December 19, 2001.

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An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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